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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on November 10, 2003.

Applicants believe that, apart from the one-month extension fee, no fees are due. Should Applicants be in error, please consider this paper as a conditional authorization to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5.